(b) whether the amount so granted by the Centre has been utilized and UCs furnished to the Centre by the State Government;

(c) whether the State Government has now made a request for release of balance amount; and

(d) if so, the status thereof and the time-frame within which it would be released, if not already done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since inception of the scheme of CLR, Government of India has released Rs.29.24 crore, out of which Rs. 23.10 crore has been utilised by the State. The State Government has also provided the Utilisation Certificates (UCs) for the same amount to this Ministry.

(c) and (d) The State Government has submitted a proposal for release of additional funds of Rs. 5.99 crore under the scheme of CLR and the same is under process for release of funds.

Funds allocated to Bihar under PMGSY

†1616. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to Bihar under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the current year; and

(b) the roads constructed under the said scheme during the current year alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The annual allocation under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for Bihar is Rs. 332.00 crores in the current financial year (2005-06). The Government of Bihar has engaged five Executing Agencies like National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC), National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC), National Projects Construction Corporation (NPCC), IRCON

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International Ltd. and Central Public Works Department (CPWD). So far 246 road works for a length of 2238.64 km. valued at Rs.689.08 crores have been approved by the Ministry of Rural Development. 130 road works for a length of 1208.77 kms. are in progress by these agencies and the details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Funds allocated to Bihar under PMGSY and the progress of work executed

PMGSY by Nominated Executing Agencies in respect of Bihar as on 30.11.2005

(*Progress of Works from Phase III onwards)

Agency	Total Allocation (in lakhs)	Cost of Works approved (in lakhs)	Approved Number	Road Length (in km)	In progress Number	In progress Length (in km)
CPWD	143.54	3858.88	7	125.44	4	39.76
IRCON	203.48	25127.08	75	715.93	35	351.94
NBCC	266.25	16232.03	75	639.17	39	392.59
NHPC	186.25	14040.55	45	357.91	28	238.97
NPCC	164.49	9649.01	44	400.19	24	185.51
TOTAL	964.01	68907.55	246	2238.64	130	1208.77

Improvement in rural Infrastructure and roads

†1617. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plans formulated by Government for extensive improvement in the rural infrastructures alongwith roads in the villages of the country;

(b) whether in implementation of these plans priority will be given to those States which are lagging behind;

(c) if so, the names of such States which will be given priority; and

(d) whether among these States also more priority will be given to such areas which are quite backward?

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